



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/049,456 Confirmation No. : 3880
Applicant(s) : Israel Raleigh LURIE et al.
Filed : August 21, 2002
TC/A.U. : 3736
Examiner : Rene T. Towa
Title : APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

Docket No. : 26354-0001
Customer No. : 24633

MAIL STOP: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 10, 2005**, and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) with the period for reply being extended by the Petition for a Third-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.